

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 7th, 2021, 10:00 am

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Outreach, Unity, and Christ Candle

On this day of Remembrance: we light a candle to shine on our courage to make a difference in the world:

Caring, serving, kindness, compassion.

On this day of Remembrance: we light a flame of hope for all humankind to be reconciled and united into one family:

Welcoming, accepting, cherishing, adoring.

On this day of Remembrance: we light the Christ Candle, a candle of peace to acknowledge the harmony God's wishes upon creation:

Guiding, honouring, forgiving, loving.

Introit: "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" MV #10

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in all the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

Call to Worship:

What do we bring before God this day?
We bring our hopes and our dreams.

What do you seek?

We seek peace for our weary souls.

Today we remember peace.

Peace that is more than the absence of fighting.
Peace that is justice and reconciliation for all.

Let us make this a place where peace, God's own heart, is found.

Open our hearts and our spirits to hear words of comfort and peace as we worship. AMEN.

Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU #575

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

Hymn: "He Came Singing Love"

VU #359

He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.

He arose in silence.

For the love to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith.

He arose in silence.

For the faith to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.

He arose in silence.

For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.

He arose in silence.

For the peace to go on we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

Act of Remembrance:

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning.
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Last Post
A Moment of Silence

Reveille

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.

**May the souls of the righteous, through your great
mercy, rest in peace. Amen.**

Laying of Wreaths

Scriptures: Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem: **Abide with Me**

*Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir
Trumpet offered by Cynthia Bruce*

Sermon: **Fifth Business**

Hymn: "Through Ancient Walls" VU #691

Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!

Refrain:

*Walls that divide are broken down;
Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside;
Christ is our liberty!*

When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. R

The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new. R

The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! R

This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery! R

Celebrating

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families "VU #556

Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.

When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.

From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.

Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.

Commissioning:

Benediction:

Having gathered, remembered, heard, given, and prayed...

**we ask, O God, for your blessing,
and for your continual presence in our lives.**

Remind us that no matter where we go...

you are there.

Even in the toughest times...

**all it takes is one ray of light for a new day to be
upon us once again. Hallelujah. Amen!**